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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Guy Valembois, Pascal Gendre, Regis Riffet

Application No.: 09/913,971

Filed: August 17, 2001

For: **CONTROLLED RUPTURE DEVICE FOR A
STRUCTURE OPERATING IN TRACTION
AND EQUIPMENT USING SAME**

Examiner:

Art Group:

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.97

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to Rule 1.97, Applicant desires to make of record the reference(s) set forth on the attached Form PTO 1449 which were cited in a search report dated November 26, 1999. Enclosed is a copy of the search report which indicates the degree of relevance found by the foreign office where documents cited as category X are deemed relevant when taken alone; documents cited as category Y are deemed relevant when taken in combination with another reference; documents cited as category T are directed to the theory or principle underlying the invention; and documents cited as category A are deemed relevant as technological background. A copy of each reference is submitted herewith.

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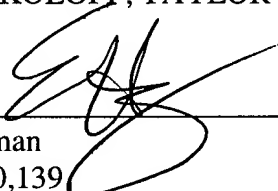
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Respectfully submitted,

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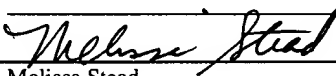
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